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SUBJ: COUP D' ETAT IN MAURITANIA: COMMUNIQUE FROM DIPLOMATIC

CORPS DEAN

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NOTE FROM DEAN OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS
ROUGH TRANSLATION FROM FRENCH FOLLOWS: QUOTE WHAT HAS HAPPENED
(THE COUP D'ETAT) IS A DOMESTIC AFFAIR AND DOES NOT AFFECT ANY
OTHER COUNTRY OR MISSION. THERE ARE THINGS WHICH HAVE HAPPENED
IN NOUAKCHOTT WHICH EVERYONE IS AWARE OF-- ESPECIALLY ON THE
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL SIDE AS WELL AS THE WAR AND THE DROUGHT.
ALL THESE FACTORS ARE GOING TO WORK AGAINST THE COUNTRY'S
INTERESTS. AND IF THIS SITUATION CONTINUES IN THIS MANNER
MAURITANIA WILL BE CROSSED OFF THE MAP ESPECIALLY AS ALL
THE PEOPLE ARE LIVING IN A STATE OF MISERY BECAUSE THERE
ARE A NUMBER OF PROFITEERS WHO HAVE TAKEN OVER THE MAURITANIAN
ECONOMY AND THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE A RELATIVE IN THE
GOVERNMENT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO LIVE AND WILL NOT BE ABLE TO
HAVE A JOB. ADD TO THIS THE SOCIAL POSITIONS OF THE TRIBES
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WHO HAVE FOR A LONG TIME BEEN MADE TO WAGE THE WAR, AND IT
HAS BECOME DIFFICULT TO GOVERN THE COUNTRY. THIS IS WHY
THE MILITARY COMMITTEE FOR THE RECLAMATION OF THE COUNTRY HAS
TAKEN UPON ITSELF THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SAVING THE HONOR OF
THE COUNTRY.

QUOTE THE COMMITTEE WILL HONOR ALL INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS
AND OBLIGATIONS, AND WILL PROTECT ALL FOREIGNERS RESIDING IN

THE COUNTRY. FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE FOREIGNERS THE COMMITTEE
IS IMPOSING A CURFEW, AND CLOSING THE BORDERS AND THE AIRPORT,
AND CUTTING INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR A PERIOD NOT TO
EXCEED 24 HOURS. PASSES TO MOVE ABOUT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED
TO THE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY BY THE COMMITTEE.
QUOTE COMMITTEE IS STUDYING THE SITUATION AND WILL CREATE AN
ADVISORY COUNCIL TO SOLICIT THE OPINIONS OF ALL SOCIAL CLASSES
CONCERNING THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COUNTRY. A MOSTLY CIVILIAN
GOVERNMENT WILL BE INSTALLED SOON TO INITIATE THE WORK.
QUOTE THE COMMITTEE REITERATES THAT IT IS A DOMESTIC AFFAIR.
END TRANSLATION. END QUOTE. KRYZA

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